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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 3, just before line 6, please add the following new paragraph:

- 5 [0004A] Current systems commonly employ a balloon coupled to the cannula for intermittent inflation and deflation to enlarge the surgical cavity as the cannula is advanced. However, use of a balloon to enlarge surgical cavities has the disadvantage that multiple balloon inflation and deflation tires the surgeon's hands, and makes it difficult to retain the precise hand control needed to perform the surgical procedure.

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